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FOR THE AM3ASSADOR FROM ERNST

1. FOLLOWING IS UNDERSTANDING FROM AMBASSADOR VANCE OF
POINTS OF SIGNIFICANCE ENSUING FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
CONVERSATION WITH DEA ADMINISTRATOR DURING RECENT MEETING
IN NEW YORK.

A) ATTORNEY GENERAL NOTED HE WOULD BE IN HIS POSITION
ABOUT TWO MORE YEARS AND WAS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN BUILDING
SOUND INSTITUTIONS FOR DRUG CONTROL DURING THIS PERIOD.

B) ATTORNEY GENERAL BELIEVES THAT CONSTANT PRESENCE OF
AMERICANS AT FORWARD BASES AND AT ROADBLOCKS IS
UNDESIRABLE SINCE IT GIVES THE PUBLIC IMPRESSION OF THEIR
SERVING AS "WATCHDOGS" OVER MEXICAN PERFORMANCE.

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C) ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL PUSH WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR AGREEMENT TO THE NEW POSITIONS HE DESIRE FOR DEA. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE OPPORTUNE FOR THE EMBASSY TO PUSH FROM ITS SIDE ALSO.

D) ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS GIVEN EMBASSY A LIST OF THINGS OR ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO THE ERADICATION PROGRAM WHICH INDICATE THAT WE HAVE BEEN LATE IN LIVING UP TO OUR SIDE OF THE UNDERTAKING.

E) ATTORNEY GENERAL FELT THERE SHOULD BE MORE COMMUNICATION BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

2. SHOULD A LIST OF POINTS ON WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ALLEGEDLY SLOW HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN PROVIDED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY IN ORDER TO ASSURE HERE THAT ANY WASHINGTON BOTTLENECKS ARE REMOVED.

3. AM REQUESTING LATEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM GENEVA CONCERNING STEPS TAKEN BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN REACTION TO MEXICAN CND CHAIRMANSHIP BID. WILL SUPPLY THIS AS SOON AS RECEIVED. INGERSOLL

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